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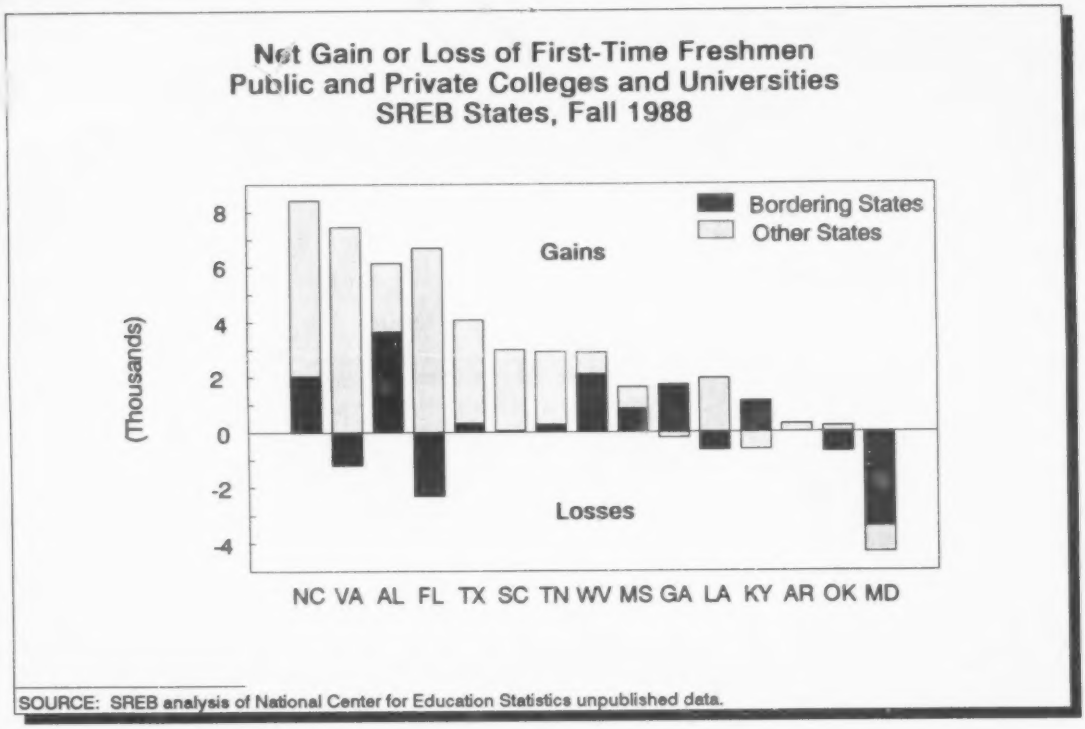

SOURCE: SREB analysis of National Center for Education Statistics unpublished data.

Migration Patterns of First-Time Freshmen

Two indications of how public and private colleges and universities are serving a state are the extent to which state residents attend them and the extent to which they attract students from other states. Looking at the migration of students from one state to another is a way to examine these indicators. First-time freshmen account for almost 80 percent of this migration.

On average, almost nine of every 10 first-time freshmen entering a college or university attend in their home state. In the SREB region, the percentages range from 75 percent in Maryland to 95 percent in Texas. On the other hand, while on average one of every five first-time freshmen enrolled in public and private colleges is from out of state, the percent varies widely--from 8 percent in Texas to 32 percent in Virginia.

High percentages of out-of-state students do not necessarily indicate that a state's colleges and universities (both public and private) are not serving a high percentage of its residents. For example, in North Carolina, where 19 percent of all first-time freshmen are from out of state, 93 percent of the state's residents who are first-time freshmen attend North Carolina colleges.

In terms of net migration (in-migration less out-migration), North Carolina leads all other SREB states followed by Virginia, Alabama, Florida, and Texas. The typical pattern in the SREB states is to "import" more students than are "exported."

When they leave their state to attend college, residents of all SREB states except Florida, Louisiana, Texas, and Virginia are most likely to attend college in states that border their home state.

Only Maryland and Oklahoma "export" more of their residents to states on their borders and to other states than they "import." Four SREB states (Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, and Virginia) have more out-migration to, than in-migration from, states on their borders.

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First-Time Freshmen
Public and Private Colleges and Universities
SREB States, Fall 1988

(Supplements Table 16, *SREB Fact Book on Higher Education, 1990)*

	Total From State Attending in Any State	Percent From State Attending in Home State*	Percent Enrolled in State From Out of State*	Migration Patterns With					
				Neighboring States			All States		
				To	From	Net	To	From	Net
Alabama	41,827	92	22	1,537	5,195	3,658	2,832	8,972	6,140
Arkansas	17,065	86	15	1,620	1,622	2	2,306	2,602	296
Florida	71,524	83	22	3,386	1,088	-2,298	11,432	15,820	4,388
Georgia	48,301	83	20	3,739	5,435	-1,696	8,025	9,515	1,490
Kentucky	34,702	90	11	1,962	3,075	1,113	3,196	3,685	489
Louisiana	29,191	87	17	1,135	1,778	-643	3,572	4,864	1,292
Maryland	39,595	75	17	5,711	2,291	-3,420	11,188	6,776	-4,342
Mississippi	28,396	92	13	1,367	2,209	842	2,073	3,697	1,624
North Carolina	63,403	93	19	1,909	3,941	2,032	3,552	11,981	8,429
Oklahoma	27,708	90	9	1,911	1,214	-697	2,881	2,399	-482
South Carolina	30,412	88	20	1,595	1,647	52	3,118	6,105	2,987
Tennessee	35,574	85	22	3,139	3,402	263	5,071	7,982	2,911
Texas	159,608	95	8	2,162	2,502	340	8,445	12,529	4,084
Virginia	49,019	78	32	4,431	3,231	-1,200	9,546	15,793	6,247
West Virginia	17,009	85	29	1,354	3,439	2,085	2,055	4,958	2,903

* The sum of these two columns does not equal 100 percent because the calculation of each percent uses a different base. "Percent attending in home state" has the denominator "total residents of the state attending anywhere as first-time freshmen."

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